

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 543** HLS 24RS 887

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	<b>Analyst:</b> Richie Anderson
<b>Subject:</b> Saltwater Fishing Licenses	

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Provides relative to saltwater and charter fishing licenses and fees

Proposed law will change the Charter Boat Fishing Fund into the Charter Boat Fishing Escrow Account. Proposed law separates and itemizes the charter promotion fee from the charter fishing license fee. Present law includes a \$20 fee per license for three (3) day saltwater tours and \$10 fee per license for three (3) day freshwater tours. For each license sold \$7.50 is collected and deposited into the Charter Boat Fishing Escrow Account. Proposed law would separate the \$7.50 charter promotion fee from the total license fee to be charged separately. Proposed law will set the fee for a 3-day saltwater fishing charter license at \$12.50 with the additional \$7.50 charter promotion fee, and for a 3-day freshwater fishing charter license at \$2.50 with the additional \$7.50 charter promotion fee. The overall cost of a license will not change as it will remain a total cost of \$20 and \$10 respectively. Costs for licenses are the same for residents and nonresidents.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Expenditures once made to the LA Charter Boat Association (LCBA) from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) operating budget will no longer be necessary as the proposed change to an escrow account would allow funds to be utilized by the LCBA without an appropriation to LDWF. Additionally, proposed legislation will clarify the components of the fee for charter fishing licenses.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation separates and itemizes the \$7.50 charter promotion fee from the \$12.50 saltwater and \$2.50 freshwater charter fishing license fee. These revenues collected by the LDWF previously deposited as statutory dedications into the Charter Boat Fishing Fund will now be deposited into the Charter Boat Escrow Account for direct utilization by the LA Charter Boat Association.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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